

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 as follows:

The ~~present~~ invention has features as described above, and one of its embodiments is explained below.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21 as follows:

C: ~~It forms carbide or carbonitride and effective to add by 0.04 wt% or more for forming carbide or carbonitride and improving strength, but if added by more than 0.2 wt%, strength is lowered in a long time range.~~

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4 and ending at page 5, line 5.

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16 and ending at page 5, line 18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26 as follows:

A quenching or normalizing temperature is 1000°C or more, and a tempering temperature is 730°C or more. That is, in quenching or normalizing, a temperature must be kept at 1000°C or more in order to form a solid solution of alloying elements such as V and Nb in base phase, in austenite single phase and form a solid solution of alloying elements such as V and Nb in base phase.